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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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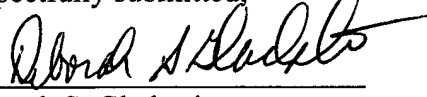
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005 (Paper No. 20050702), Applicants hereby elect Embodiment VIII, Figs. 12-21, claims 1, 2, 4-9 for continued examination *without traverse*. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

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